

Call Twenty-Six Cases In County Recorder's Court

Fines Imposed During The Long Session Monday Amounted to \$745

Judge Chas. H. Manning and Solicitor Paul D. Roberson handled twenty-six cases in the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday. The court was in session from 9:30 a. m. until 1:00 p. m. and from 1:30 to 3:00 o'clock p. m. Several defendants drew road terms and fines imposed during the long session amounted to \$745, a few defendants going to the higher court for another trial.

Dealers in illicit liquors found the sledding tough in the court, and several drivers found it not at all advisable to operate motor vehicles without drivers' licenses. Professor Sawyer's civics class from Bear Grass was in attendance upon the session, listening to the proceedings from the jury box.

Bad check charges were aired in several cases. W. E. Davis failed to answer when called, and judgment was suspended in the case against Augustus Rollins upon the payment of the check and court costs. John E. Walker appealed to the higher court when he was sentenced to the roads for sixty days and after the court suspended the road term on condition the defendant pay the check and court costs. Appeal bond was fixed in the sum of \$100.

Pleading innocent to a drunken driving charge, William Tim Smith was adjudged guilty and was fined \$100, taxed with the costs and had his driver's license revoked for twelve months.

Powell Watkins Glidewell was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

Maintaining he was innocent, Grady Keith Lamm was found guilty and was sentenced to the roads for sixty days for assaulting a female. The road term was suspended upon the payment of a \$50 fine and costs.

Pleading guilty of an assault, Leo Warren was fined \$10 and taxed with the costs. He was also directed to pay \$50 to Lester Meeks, prosecuting witness, for doctor's bill and time lost.

The case charging Joe Beach with an assault on a female was continued for the defendant's attorney.

Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, Julius "Pistol" Bell pleaded not guilty but was found guilty of disorderly conduct and drew a \$10 fine and costs of the court.

Pleading guilty of drunken driving and operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, Herman Roberson was sentenced to the roads for six months. Roberson was driving the car when it turned over and almost killed his uncle, Isaiah Roberson.

Charged with failing to give a hand signal, James Erwin Manning pleaded not guilty and was found not guilty.

Charged with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, J. T. Gardner was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs.

Charged with speeding, a driver was fined \$100 and taxed with the costs for speeding.

Pleading guilty of violating the liquor laws, George Richardson was fined \$100, plus court costs.

James Cornelius Baker was fined \$40 and required to pay the costs for speeding and operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license. The defendant entered no plea in the case.

Willie Bailey, pleading not guilty, was adjudged guilty and drew a three-months sentence on the roads for assault with a deadly weapon. (Continued on page six)

Back From Philadelphia After Skipping Bond

Facing trial in the courts of this county for allegedly violating the liquor laws, John Thomas Perry, young Williams Township colored man, ran from under his \$100 bond some time ago. He was arrested in Philadelphia and returned here late last night by Bondsman G. P. Hall and Deputy Raymond G. P.

Cards for Marketing Peanuts Ready Soon

Quarter Million Bags Of Peanuts Grown In County

Few Red Cards Expected to Reach the Farmers In Martin County

The Triple A of Production and Marketing Administration is working full force, preparing peanut marketing cards for distribution to the growers in this county, late reports indicating that the cards will be made available possibly sometime next week. The cards will be mailed in most instances, it was announced.

Considerable delay is being experienced in clearing those contracts where farmers planted in excess of their allotments, it was explained. Unofficial reports state that 450 farmers planted in excess of their allotments, that approximately ninety percent of them are "hogging down" the surplus to qualify for the white marketing cards. Each contract where there were excess plantings has to be checked, and in those cases where the farmers are planning to market the surplus, the penalty has to be figured for each farmer.

In those cases where the grower planted in excess of his allotment, the penalty ranges from one-tenth of a cent to five and three-tenths cents per pound. The penalty is increased in proportion to the excess plantings. There are a few farmers who planted peanuts without a contract, and it is understood they may market their crop without paying a penalty provided their plantings are within nine-tenths of an acre.

Peanut marketing is expected to be reasonably slow and a bit more complicated than in the past under the new grading plan developed by the Commodity Credit Corporation. The CCC is said to have warned that it would support no prices unless peanuts are graded. The government has trained a number of graders in this county, but the number is hardly large enough to handle record deliveries. However, additional graders are to be brought in from Georgia to relieve the pressure, it was reported. Some delay is to be expected but as soon as the market gets accustomed to the new system, sales are likely to be handled fairly rapidly.

Martin County has an allotment of about 20,000 acres this year, and it is unofficially estimated that the farmers will market between 200,000 and a quarter million bags of the goobers this season and receive in the neighborhood of two or two and one-third million dollars.

More attention has been given the harvesting of the crop this year, and since the moisture content will be determined, farmers will find it advisable not to pick their peanuts unless they are dry. Said to have harvested his crop early, Farmer Clarence Matthews of Robersonville Township threshed his crop last week to open the picking season in the county. Rains earlier in the week blocked threshing operations, but it will be another week or two before the work gets under way on any appreciable scale. The harvest was about completed in the county.

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JUST IN CASE

In the event of rain, plans will be altered for Williamston's second annual harvest festival next week, it was explained today.

While all are "pulling" for a fair day, the committee in charge of the festival events explain that if rain should happen to fall Wednesday, the parade would be postponed until the next day, but that Senator Frank Graham would speak in the warehouse according to schedule, and that the ball would be held as planned.

NEXT SPRING

No official announcement has been made, but the resurfacing of Main and Haughton Streets and the surfacing of two blocks on Smithwick and West Liberty Street will not get under way before early next spring.

The contract for the projects was let to the Nello L. Teer Company several weeks ago, and it was thought at that time that the contractor would set up an asphalt plant near Windsor and handle a project in Bertie along with the ones here without delay. However, a report from the Division engineer's office indicates that the work will not be started before spring.

Diamond Ring To Be Awarded Queen Of Festival Here

Twelve Princesses To Be In Parade; To Choose Queen At The Festival Ball

A \$200 Columbia diamond ring will be awarded the Queen of Williamston's 1949 Harvest Festival, and handsome gifts will go to the other princesses participating in the big event next Wednesday, Director Al Sweatt announced today.

The parade of the princesses is certain to prove a big feature in the town's second annual harvest festival, Mr. Sweatt said in announcing the representatives from twelve high schools in eastern North Carolina, as follows:

Misses Anne Willoughby, Ahoskie; Lib Cherry, Bear Grass; Janice Roberson, Bethel; Sybil Caton, Edenton; Leona Hardison, Farm Life; June Gardner, Jamesville; Gladys Everett, Oak City; Shirley Roberson, Plymouth; Shirley Stevenson, Robersonville; Fay Walker, Scotland Neck; Reba Tetterton, Washington, and Rachel Chesson, Williamston. Most of the princesses are seniors in their high schools.

The young ladies are to register at the George Reynolds Hotel between 12:30 and 1:00 o'clock Wednesday afternoon and take their places in individual convertibles for the parade. They will be guests along with their chaperones at supper, and report to the festival ball where one of their number will be chosen and crowned queen of the 1949 Festival.

Judges are to come here from towns not represented to handle the difficult task of selecting the winner, and Miss Katie Leggett, queen of the festival last year, will crown the new queen at 10:30 o'clock Wednesday evening during the big harvest ball in the Planters Warehouse.

Bob Lee and his 15 colleagues, accompanied by Bob Mays, vocalist, will play for the dance which is under way at 9:00 o'clock that evening and lasts until 1:00 o'clock the following morning.

Mrs. Griffin Is P-T-A Secretary

Mrs. Joseph W. Griffin was elected secretary to the Ninth District Parents-Teachers Association at a district meeting of the organization held in Manteo last Tuesday.

Martin County had more representatives at the meeting than any other of the fourteen counties, comprising the ninth district. Delegates from the Williamston P. T. A. were, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. C. Eubanks, Mr. P. O. Holloman, Mrs. Joseph Griffin and Miss Lissie Pierce.

HALLOWEEN PARTY
The Woman's Club is completing plans for a big Halloween Party in the club hall on Friday, October 28, at 7:00 o'clock, it was announced today.

Bertie Man Held For The Alleged Forgery of Check

Fifteen Other Cases Called By Justices of Peace Here Recently

Pleading guilty of forging a check, Paul Thomas of Bertie County was placed under a \$1,000 bond by Justice John L. Hassell at a preliminary hearing here a few days ago. Facing a similar charge in his home county, the defendant was returned to Windsor where he'll face trial and then be returned to this county. Said to have forged the signature of W. A. Mizelle, the man passed a \$350 check on a local bank. Thomas is alleged to have used the same signature in cashing a \$200 check in Windsor. The case will be heard in the superior court.

Other cases handled by Justice Hassell:

Charged with public drunkenness and beating a taxi fare, Joe Roberson was sentenced to jail for thirty days, the court suspending the jail term upon the payment of \$2.50 taxi fare and \$9.50 costs.

John H. Williams was fined \$5 and taxed with \$9.50 costs for being drunk and an affray.

Publicly drunk, Lemuel Outerbridge was required to pay \$8.50 costs.

Jesse Lawrence Brown, charged with being drunk and fighting, was fined \$10 and required to pay \$9.50 costs.

Peter Pierce was required to pay \$9.50 costs for being publicly drunk.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of \$5.50 costs in the case charging Willie Spencer with disorderly conduct.

Charged with disorderly conduct, George Davenport, Jr., was sentenced to jail for thirty days, Justice Hassell suspending the jail term upon the defendant's guaranteed good behavior for one year and the payment of \$5.50 costs.

Justice R. T. Johnson handled the following cases in his court: The case charging Grover Dixon with assaulting a female, was sent to the county court for trial.

Charged with being drunk and assaulting a female and threatening bodily harm, Nymphus James was required to post bond in the sum of \$300 for his appearance in the county court for trial.

Aaron Peel was fined \$5 and taxed with \$5.85 costs for violating the hunting laws.

Charged with operating a motor vehicle with improper equipment, Leon Rawls was fined \$10 and taxed with \$5.85 costs.

Warren Chesson, Layton Taylor, Claude Britt and Lee Lucy, charged with gambling, were

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Farm Life Club To Get Charter

Preliminary organization plans completed with the aid of the Bear Grass club, the Farm Life Community will get a Ruritan club charter at a meeting to be held next Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the Farm Life School cafeteria.

Nora Lee, officer of the national organization, will present the charter and other dignitaries from the State organization and other clubs are expected to attend and take part in the program.

The proposed club has a potential roster of thirty-five members and an invitation is extended others to become charter members.

Prospects are good for an active club in the community and the people are looking forward to charter night and the work of the club. Ruritan in Bear Grass, one of three Ruritan clubs now active in this county, have worked with leaders in the Farm Life section to get the new club started.

Local Man Critically Ill In Hospital

Entering a Rocky Mount hospital last Monday for treatment and an operation, Mr. W. H. Williams, local citizen, continues critically ill. While his condition was reported slightly improved this morning, he was said to be too weak to undergo an operation.

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LAST SALES

Williamston's tobacco market will hold its last sales of the current season tomorrow, the curtain marking the close of a successful but no record season.

Small sales have been held each day this week with prices holding fairly firm.

Through yesterday the market had sold 8,860,276 pounds for \$4,348,030, an average of \$49.09 per hundred pounds.

Quite a few markets are closing this week in this belt.

Safety Is Theme P-T-A Program

"How Safe Is My Child?" is the question to be answered by a group of guest speakers in brief talks at the meeting of the Williamston Parents-Teachers Association to be held Monday night in the Grammar School building, at 7:30 o'clock.

Corporal T. Fearing of the State Highway Patrol is to appear on the program along with a guest whom he did not identify. W. H. Carstarphen will discuss home safety as a representative of the Red Cross and the matter of safety legislation will be taken up by Attorney R. L. Coburn.

The program is being sponsored by the safety and legislation committees of the organization and is to be in the form of a symposium. No lengthy speeches are planned but the speakers will briefly touch the points covered by their section of the symposium.

The meeting will be the second of the school year for the association, the last meeting having been well attended.

A meeting of the Band Parents Club will be held immediately following the P-T-A session.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Die In Arkansas

Advised his father, Charles Ross, 80, was critically ill in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, Mr. W. Harvey Ross left soon after receiving the message about midnight last night. He had been gone only a short time when relatives here were advised that the elder Mr. Ross had died. Within a short time another message was received here, stating that Mr. Ross's mother had suffered a heart attack and died.

Funeral arrangements could not be learned here immediately.

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Dozen Clowns To Feature Festival Parade Wednesday

Clown Chairman Rice Says Barnum Might Scout His Clowns

A group of clowns—twelve as a unit and one as an independent—will work just prior to and during Williamston's harvest festival parade next Wednesday afternoon, Doctor Gene Rice, chairman of the funny-man committee, announced this morning.

J. Lawrence Peel, the mainstay in the fun-making business last year, will operate as an independent, and the names of the group members are being kept secret until the big day.

Chairman Rice stated that a detailed program of stunts had been worked out for his clowns, and Mr. Peel is not revealing his plans, which, he says, will surprise 'em. An old model car is to be used by the twelve-man group for transportation, and the fun makers are scheduled to go into action about 1:00 o'clock or an hour before the parade starts.

They will have the run of the streets before the parade, but will find their own openings when the march gets under way.

The chairman says the show will equal anything Barnum and Bailey and Ringling Brothers, combined, can offer, and its possible that Barnum will send special representatives here to "scout" the clowns.

Purebred Hog Sale Is Planned

The Martin County Purebred Swine Breeders Association will hold its fall auction sale Friday of next week, October 27, at 1:30 o'clock p. m. at the old Williamston fair grounds. There will be twenty-four fine boars and gilts of the spotted Poland Chinc and Duroc breeds. Several of these animals are from production registry litters. Those members placing hogs on sale are Julian Fagan, Jamesville; Geo. Ayers and son, Oak City; Jack Williams of Bear Grass, and Gene Hyman of RFD 1, Palmyra; Earl Warren of Parmele; Bobby Lilley, Jamesville; Bennie Ray Hopkins, RFD 1, Williamston; James Rogerson, Bear Grass; R. S. Hardison, Farm Life, and Wilbur Gardner, RFD-1, Williamston.

The hogs will be in their pens by 11:00 a. m. that morning. Everyone is invited to look the hogs over before the sale.—J. W. Sumner, assistant county agent.

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Eight Bands And Twenty Floats In Parade Wednesday

United States Senator Will Speak That Afternoon, Ball That Night

Plans were announced virtually complete this morning by Director Al Sweatt for holding Williamston's second annual harvest festival, and all indications point to a tremendous event, beginning with a street dance Tuesday evening at 8:00 o'clock and winding up with the harvest festival ball Wednesday night.

The high lights on the program include an address by United States Senator Frank P. Graham; a parade, lasting thirty to forty-five minutes, and the harvest ball where the harvest queen will be crowned and awarded a \$200 Columbia diamond ring.

"With favorable weather, we are certain to stage the biggest event ever seen in Williamston," a spokesman for the Williamston Boosters, Inc., said this morning.

The festival will be officially opened with a dance on Washington Street Tuesday evening, October 25, at 8:30 o'clock. Two bands—Otho Willard's string band, and Frank Saunders Weaver's band—will play for the dancers, the dance committee chairman, Wheeler Manning, announced. Everybody is invited to take part in either the square or round dances, or both. The dances are to continue until midnight.

Senator Graham is scheduled to reach here Wednesday in time for a luncheon to be given in his honor at the Woman's Club at 12:00 o'clock. County and town officials, including the mayors of Jamesville, Everetts, Robersonville, Parmele, Hassell, Oak City and Hamilton are being extended a special invitation to attend the luncheon along with other special guests.

The dozen princesses are to register between 12:30 and 1:00 o'clock at the George Reynolds Hotel where they and their chaperones will be the guests of the Boosters. They will be assigned individual cars in the parade and will be guests at dinner late that afternoon before going to the harvest festival ball that evening.

Under the direction of Chairman Blue Manning and Jack Butler, the big parade will be formed on the north side of town in time to start moving promptly at 2:00 o'clock. Senator Graham and other dignitaries will head the parade led by members of the State Highway Patrol. Eight brass bands, including high school bands from Ahoskie, Edenton, Tarboro, Plymouth, Washington, Williamston's white and colored units, and the J. J. Clemmons band from Roper, will be spotted along with the

twelve princesses, twenty decorated floats, ten giant balloons, including an 80-foot long sea serpent. There'll be a dozen clowns operating as a group and Mr. "Hawk" Peel working on his own as the lone eagle.

The parade, forming on Hassell and Academy Streets and Simmons Avenue, will move into Church off Hassell, down Church to Watts and on to Main, thence

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Congress Adopts Compromise Farm Bill On Wednesday

Knocks Out Proposed Aiken Program and Leaves Things Little Changed

After wrangling for weeks, lawmakers in Washington this week knocked out the proposed Aiken farm program and came out with a compromise measure, leaving the farm picture little changed from the present system, according to preliminary reports coming out of Washington this morning.

The program as adopted retains, for the most part, the 90 percent parity price support for all basic crops through next year with the possibility that the support will be increased for some crops where the labor cost is to be considered in determining parity.

Tobacco is certain of a preferred rating, and peanuts and other basic crops are to be favored through 1950. The new program or the compromise version adopted this week provides for a sliding parity for peanuts and some other basic crops after 1950, but it has been pointed out that the farm program can and likely will be discussed further in the next Congress.

Briefly stated, the Democratic Congress "chucked" out the Republican farm program as proposed by Senator Aiken of Vermont. The Aiken measure, passed by the last Republican Congress, wiped out the 90 percent parity program, and substituted a sliding parity formula, the support price to range from around 90 percent to just a fraction of parity. In other words, the Aiken bill offered little price support when there was a crop surplus and prices were low.

When production was low, the Aiken bill would offer a higher support price. That program would offer little or nothing when the farmer needed support most, and when he did not need support prices, the law would make it available. Two separate—but not equal—parity formulas will be in use until 1954 under the bill. One is the present formula. The other is one developed by the Senate, which takes into account the cost of hired hands and the relationship between the price of crops and manufactured articles in the recent past.

The measure instructs the Agriculture Department, in figuring parity for the basic crops for the next four years to employ the formula which will be most advantageous to the farmer. In 1954 the Senate formula is to become the only guide.

The compromise ended a five-day deadlock between Senate and House agents on how long the government should support farm prices at their wartime peak—90 percent of parity.

The House voted to continue the present 90 percent for at least one more year. The Senate voted to keep some at 90 percent for one year and then provide a flexible range from 75 to 98 percent. The compromise took parts of both plans but would postpone the major impact of the Senate scheme until 1954.

Parity is figured as the price a farmer should get in order to enjoy purchasing power equal to what he had in a base period, usually 1909-14. Government purchases to guarantee 90 percent of parity often keep the housewife's market-basket prices higher than they would be otherwise.

Under present law, the government is required to support the price of wheat, corn, cotton, rice, tobacco, peanuts, pork, eggs, chickens, wool, milk and butterfat at 90 percent of parity.

The compromise would, for the first time since the war, give the

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Local Firm Surrendering Main Street Store Lease

Preparatory to transferring its lease on the main street store, the Pittman Clothing firm is offering a \$30,000 stock of merchandise at drastically reduced prices. Starting today, the special sale is to run only a short time, and the owners declare that all the stock must go.

SEED LOANS

The Commodity Credit Corporation announced this week that it would enter the cotton seed market with price supports up to \$46.50 per ton.

Few details could be learned about making cotton seed eligible for government loans, but it was stated that storage centers would be opened as soon as possible to receive deliveries.